

BRIEF ACCOUNT
OF THE
INSTITUTION,
OF THE
LOCK ASYLUM,
FOR THE RECEPTION OF
PENITENT FEMALE PATIENTS,
WHEN DISCHARGED CURED FROM THE
LOCK HOSPITAL;
WITH AN ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS,
From the first Institution to Lady-Day, 1803;
ALSO, A
LIST OF THE BENEFACTORS
AND
SUBSCRIBERS.

A
BRIEF ACCOUNT
OF THE
LOCK ASYLUM.

THE LOCK ASYLUM is an Institution subsidiary to the Lock Hospital, but it is solely for the benefit of women.

The men who enter the Lock Hospital return when cured to their usual employments, and meet with no peculiar obstacle to their reformation; but most of the women, when discharged, are entirely without the means of obtaining an honest subsistence. In order, therefore, to facilitate the return into reputable society, of such as appeared desirous of reforming, a subscription was raised in the year 1787; and two small houses were hired, into which, ever since, those women have been received, the circumstances of whose cases rendered them more peculiarly the objects of compassionate attention. The houses contain about sixteen women, besides the matron and assistants, and they have in general been nearly full; yet very

few proper objects for admission have as yet been rejected for want of room, and none on any other account.

The women are constantly employed in domestic business, or needle work, by which they are fitted for becoming useful and industrious servants. Their earnings (after deducting a fourth part for their own use) have amounted to about *L.100 per annum*. Strict attention is paid to their moral conduct. They regularly attend divine service at the Lock Chapel, and are instructed by the Chaplain generally three times a week. After remaining for a moderate time in the Lock Asylum they are placed out in the best situations which can be provided for them.

The numbers admitted between July 1787, and Lady-Day 1802, have been 374, of whom,

44 have been received by their friends.

96 have gone to service.

16 have died in the house.

16 remain in the house.

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Of the remaining 202, many have been sent to their parishes; others have eloped, and some

have been expelled for ill behaviour: but of several, even of these, favourable accounts have been received; eight or nine of them being married, who are now living creditably; and many others are earning an honest livelihood.

Many lives have undoubtedly been preserved by the Lock Asylum; for the arrangements of this institution are well calculated to recruit the strength, and establish the health, of those who leave the Hospital in a feeble and reduced state: by preserving many women, therefore, from returning to their evil courses, they are rescued from a speedy and miserable death. For it is a melancholy fact, but well established by careful inquiry and observation, that of those women who continue their licentious habits, very few attain the age of twenty-five years.

On the whole, it may be affirmed that every thing has been attempted which the nature of this institution has admitted, and that the success has equalled the reasonable expectations which were formed concerning it. Religious impressions have been made on the minds of many women; and some who have been carried away for a short time by temptation, have returned to a Christian course of life, through the recollection of the instructions received.

It has, however, become proper and necessary to inform the public, that the funds of this charity are insufficient for its support, and that a considerable debt had been incurred, which even endangered the existence of the institution: and though a great part of this has been lately discharged, by the extraordinary liberality of a few individuals; yet the further aid of the humane and pious is earnestly requested, in order to ward off similar dangers in future.

TWO GUINEAS *per annum*, or upwards, or a donation of TWENTY GUINEAS, constitutes a Governor of the Lock Asylum; but smaller sums are thankfully received.

APPENDIX.

Some Instances of remarkable Success.

A YOUNG woman of decent family, and previous good character, having been seduced, and finding herself both pregnant and diseased, was strongly tempted to destroy her life; and when about to leave the Lock Hospital, on some new aggravations of her distress, had actually formed this desperate design. This was suspected, from the fixed melancholy in her countenance; but being spoken to in a friendly manner, and having a place of refuge and retirement, with needful provision offered to her, she was brought to confess, and relinquish her purpose; and has now, for more than fourteen years, behaved with such decorum, fidelity, and industry, as have entitled her to the most entire confidence, in a situation in which she is enabled to support herself and child.

Another young woman of reputable parents in the country, went to service in London, and in a few weeks after came into the Lock Hos-

pital. When discharged she was admitted into the Asylum; afterwards her father being applied to, received her home, and some months after expressed his entire satisfaction in her conduct, and his warmest gratitude to the Charity. She has since been married and settled in an advantageous manner.

One who had been a prostitute for a considerable time, was, in the Lock Asylum, so affected by witnessing the death of one of the young women, that she has ever since behaved with great seriousness and apparent piety. After continuing above a year with credit, in service, she married, and still bears a very good character.

A young woman who had continued in the Asylum above a year, and behaved so well for the greatest part of that time as to gain the confidence of all concerned with her, was taken home by her parents, where she almost immediately caught a fever, of which she died in a few days. In that short time, however, her behaviour and conversation were so remarkably humble, pious, and exemplary, as greatly to impress her relatives and those who had formerly known her; and to leave no doubt but that she died a real penitent.

Another who had long lived in vicious courses of various kinds, gave satisfactory proofs of repentance while in the Asylum, and after continuing to behave well there, and in service, for thirteen years, is now married and comfortably settled.

We have learned that *five* others have been married and live in credit; and one has lived several years in a very creditable place, and still continues to give much satisfaction. Another young woman also, who was very poorly qualified for service, has, by particular industry and good behaviour, been enabled to live in reputable services for above ten years, and has afforded satisfactory proof of true repentance.

A young woman who left her place very improperly, is known at present to earn her living by a trade to which she was brought up. She makes a very reputable appearance, and attends statedly at a parochial chapel in the neighbourhood: and one who, after continuing some time in the house, was sent to her parents in the country, as incapable of service, and disqualified for needle-work through weakness of sight, is since married and lives very creditably.

A poor destitute object, reduced to the ut-

most wretchedness by want and disease, having been with great humanity relieved by one entirely unacquainted with her, was admitted into the Hospital, and from thence into the Asylum. After having behaved well there for a considerable time, she was received into a most respectable family, where her whole conduct is truly exemplary, and evidential of unfeigned repentance.

Another woman admitted many years ago is now exceedingly useful to the Institution, being in all respects exemplary in her conduct, and assisting the matron in superintending the business of the house, and watching over the women.

There are, also, several others in the neighbourhood in creditable services, who attend at the Lock Chapel; some of whom are communicants at the Lord's Table.

There are, likewise, several women in the House, of whom a very favourable opinion is entertained.

An ABSTRACT of the ACCOUNTS from the 26th of March, 1802, to the 25th of March, 1803, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.

	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To Balance of Cash in Hand, March 25, 1802	1	6	6
To Subscriptions received - - -	240	11	0
To Work done by the Women - - -	101	16	10
To Benefactions (see page 11) - - -	314	13	6
To two Sermons preached in the Chapel	73	17	0
	<u>£.732</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>

PAYMENTS,

	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
By Housekeeping, Washing, &c. - - -	399	1	5
By Wearing Apparel for the Women - - -	62	2	1½
By Rewards in Money to-ditto - - -	10	7	6
By Books to ditto - - - - -	1	11	6
By Salaries and Wages - - - - -	80	3	9
By Tradesmens' Bills - - - - -	24	2	1
By Medicines - - - - -	9	10	1
By Rent and Taxes - - - - -	42	16	0
By Loan repaid - - - - -	40	0	0
	<u>£.669</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5½</u>
By Cash in Hand, March 25, 1803 - - -	62	10	4½
	<u>£.732</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>

A GENERAL ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS
from the first Institution of the Lock Asylum,
April 18, 1787, to March 25, 1803.

RECEIPTS.

	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
RECEIVED from the first Institution, to March, 1802, (including £.1000 19s. 6d. re- ceived for work done in the Asylum)	6147	2	4½
Ditto from the 26th of March 1802, to the 25th of March, 1803, (including £.101 16s. 10d. received for Work done in the Asylum) - - - -	730	18	4
Total	<u>£.6878</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8½</u>

PAYMENTS.

	<i>L.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Paid from the first Institution, to March 25, 1802 - - - - -	6145	15	10½
Ditto from March 26, 1802, to March 25, 1803 - - - - -	699	14	5½
	<u>L.6815</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>
Cash in Hand, March 25, 1803 - -		62	10 4½
Total	<u>L.6878</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8½</u>

STATE of the CHARITY'S FINANCES at Lady
Day, 1803.

	<i>L.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
By Tradesmens' Bills, &c. due March 25, 1803	118	8	5
To £.800 3 per Cent Consols			
To £.50 Short Annuities			
To Cash in Hand	-	-	-
	62	10	4½

BENEFACTIONS Received during the last Year.

	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The Marquis of Hertford	50	0	0
Robert Thornton, Esq.	50	0	0
Henry Thornton, Esq.	50	0	0
The Rev. Mr. Natt	50	0	0
Benjamin Bates, Esq.	25	0	0
Thomas Edwards Freeman, Esq.	25	0	0
Samuel Thornton, Esq.	20	0	0
John Thornton, Esq.	10	0	0
John Miller, Esq.	20	0	0
William Wynch, Esq.	5	0	0
James Gordon, Esq.	5	0	0
Mr. Burbank	1	11	6
A. B.	2	2	0
	<u>£.314</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>

A
LIST
OF THE
BENEFACTORS
AND
SUBSCRIBERS
TO THE
LOCK ASYLUM.

N.B. Those marked thus **, are entitled to a Vote at all General Meetings during Life; thus *, are entitled to a Vote by their annual Subscription.

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* FREDERIC, DUKE OF YORK.

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